

Appl. No. 09/856,850  
Amdt. dated December 15, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of December 7, 2004

PATENT


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claim identifiers in the amendment mailed September 15, 2004 incorrectly labeled claims 6 and 7 as "previously amended" instead of "previously presented." The present response corrects this mistake. Applicants believe the amendment is now compliant and request entry of the claim amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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